

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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SENATE BILL NO. 226

Introduced by: Senators Lange, Dennert, Flowers, Hutmacher, Kloucek, Olson, and Staggers
and Representatives Sutton (Daniel), Chicoine, Hagen, Hanson, Koetzle,
Nachtigal, and Wilson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit persons sixty-five or older to request that they be
2 excused from jury duty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be amended to read as follows:

5 16-13-10. ~~All citizens~~ Any citizen of this state, who ~~are residents~~ is a resident of the county
6 or jury district where the jury is selected, eighteen years of age or older prior to January first of
7 the year of jury service, of sound mind and who ~~are~~ is able to read, write, and understand the
8 English language, ~~are~~ is eligible to serve as ~~jurors~~ a juror. ~~Justices~~ No Justice or ~~clerks~~ clerk of
9 the Supreme Court ~~or a~~ nor any judge of the circuit court or any court of the United States, or
10 a court of limited jurisdiction, or licensed ~~attorneys~~ are not attorney is eligible to serve as ~~jurors~~
11 a juror. ~~Clergymen~~ Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts
12 with ~~their~~ religious beliefs may be exempt from jury duty. ~~Persons~~ Any person who ~~have~~ has been
13 convicted of a felony unless restored to ~~their~~ civil rights ~~are~~ is not eligible to serve as ~~jurors~~ a
14 juror. ~~Potential jurors~~ No potential juror may ~~not~~ be excluded from jury duty on the basis of a
15 visual or hearing impairment. However, if any person sixty-five years of age or older requests
16 to be excused from jury duty, the judge or the clerk of courts shall excuse that person.